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SUBJECT: IFAD: NEGOTIATION OF THE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN ECOSOC AND IFAD: SUMMARY OF APRIL 14
P.M. MEETING

REFERENCES: A) USUN 1112; B) ROME 6128; C) AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THIS UNITED NATIONS AND THE INTER-
NATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, NOTE
BY THE SECRETARIAT - E/C.1/L.6; D) EXPLANATORY NOTE
FOR THE COMMITTEE ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COUNCIL - E/C.1/40

1. AFTER HEARING A MEMBER OF THE UN SECRETARIAT INTRODUCE
E/C.1/L.6 IN A MANNER WHICH FURTHER HIGHLIGHTED

A) THE MAJOR "PARENTHOOD" ROLES OF THE SYG, THE UNGA, AND
ECOSOC IN THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, AND ITS SIBLINGS,
THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AND IFAD;

B) THE NUMEROUS DISSIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE PROPOSED
IFAD-UN AGREEMENT AND THE AGREEMENTS THE UN HAS WITH
OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES:

AND AFTER HEARING SHORT PERFUNCTORY COMMENTS BY A NUMBER

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OF COUNTRY DELEGATIONS, THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ECOSOC
COMMITTEE DECIDED TO INSTRUCT ITS CHAIRMAN TO REQUEST
THE IFAD PREPARATORY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TO SEND A
REPRESENTATIVE TO NEW YORK ASAP TO INTRODUCE THE
DRAFT AGREEMENT TO THE INFORMAL GROUP AND TO DESCRIBE
THE BACKGROUND AND THE RATIONALE FOR ITS VARIOUS
DIVERGENCIES FROM THE UN AGREEMENTS WITH IBRD, FAO,

WIPO AND OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

2. THE GROUP DECIDED TO HOLD ITS NEXT MEETING APRIL

18. IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE G-77 MEMBERS OF
THAT INFORMAL GROUP HAD DECIDED TO MEET ON APRIL 15.

3. COMMENT: THE INFORMAL COMMITTEE LEAD BY PARSI
OF IRAN AND YORK OF THE FRG, ARGUED PERSUASIVELY THAT
WHILE THE NOTE BY THE UN SECRETARIAT (E/C.1/L.6) AND
THE EXPLANATORY NOTE (E/C.1/40) FROM THE IFAD PREPARA-
TORY COMMISSION WERE HELPFUL TO THE DELIBERATIONS OF
THE ECOSOC COMMITTEE ON NEGOTIATIONS, IT BADLY NEEDED
IN ADDITION, WHILE IT WAS STILL MEETING AS AN INFORMAL
GROUP, A DETAILED BRIEFING FROM A REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE IFAD PREPARATORY COMMISSION (PREFERABLY ITS CHAIR-
MAN) IN ORDER BETTER TO UNDERSTAND THE WHYS AND WHEREFORES
THAT HAD INFLUENCED THE DRAFTING AND ACTUAL WORDING OF
THE IFAD DRAFT RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT THE COMMITTEE WAS
COMMENCING TO STUDY IN-DEPTH.

4. SUCH A BRIEFING WAS PARTICULARLY NEEDED AT AN EARLY
STAGE OF THE GROUPS DELIBERATIONS AS NO ONE IN ATTENDANCE
AT THE INFORMAL GROUP MEETING OF THE ECOSOC COMMITTEE,
(FROM EITHER COUNTRY DELEGATIONS OR THE SECRETARIAT
HAD ATTENDED ANY OF THE MOST RECENT IFAD PREPARATORY
COMMISSION MEETINGS.
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